

What is Truth?

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"...Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?..."—John 18:37,38

Pilate was speaking face-to-face with the Creator of the universe, Jesus Christ... "He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not" (John 1:10). Yet Pilate failed to listen to the Words of Christ. John 18:37 tells us why... because Herod was not OF THE TRUTH! (John 18:37-38). A person who is OF THE TRUTH receives Jesus' Words, because they are truth (John 6:63). Most people don't want the truth. In fact, they despise the truth and are afraid of it, so they deny and run from it.

Jesus said that a person who is OF THE TRUTH listens to Him. Jesus is the Living Word; the Bible is the Written Word. Jesus' name is called the Word of God..."And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God." -Revelation 19:13. Pilate was NOT "of the truth" and refused to listen to Jesus.

The Holy Spirit is TRUTH. 1st John 5:6, "This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth."

What does it mean to be "of the truth?" It simply means "to want to hear the truth." Jesus was simply saying that those who want to know the truth will listen to Him. Are you a truth seeker? Do you want to know the truth? Are you of the truth? Or are you of sin and darkness...

"For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God."

—John 3:20,21

How do you "do truth?" Truth is a noun, yet John 3:21 speaks of truth as if it were a verb, an action. How do you do truth? The Bible is simply saying that people who want to do the right thing will eventually come to the light. This is exactly what Titus 2:11 means when it says... "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men..." Every human being is provided some amount of truth from God. If we act upon the truth which God has given to us, then God will send us more truth and guide us. Jesus taught in John 3:20,21 that people who want the truth will come to the Light which emits the truth (the source of the truth). Those who don't want to hear the truth will avoid the Light.

To them which believe, no explanation is necessary; to them which believe not, no explanation is possible.

It all boils down to whether or not you want to learn and accept the truth.

I'll share a few interesting things about the truth with you from the perspective of a Christian who has a firm grasp on heresy and false doctrines. I've noticed a couple simple observations about the devil's methods:

1. All false religions, deceits, lies, and Satanic deceptions have truth INTEGRATED into them. The devil is a master counterfeiter, he's no amateur. One of the world's dumbest criminals might try to pass off fresh printed counterfeit money from his inkjet printer at home, but the devil is much smarter than even the smartest criminals. Satan knows that if he is to succeed at deceiving people, then he must appear as a GOOD GUY...

"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." —2nd Corinthians 11:14

Do you think the devil would be stupid enough to actually tell you he's trying to deceive you? Of course not. There is no truth in Satan, so all he can do is lie, kill, steal, and destroy (John 10:10). With this in mind, should it be surprising that the devil would corrupt the Bible a little at a time, with each NEW version being just a little more corrupt than the previous? Not at all. This is why I reject all modern translations of the English Bible (there's been over 400 English revisions since the 1611 King James Bible...surely the language hasn't changed that much!). Only the 1611 King James Bible HONORS the Lord Jesus Christ's deity and Godhead adequately. Many Christians did not realize what was going on until the New International Version (NIV) came out in 1984.

Sadly, even with the obvious corruption of the NIV, most believers accepted it to their own demise. A whole generation of post-tribulation Christians has

emerged because of the damnable NIV (better called the HIV). Please read, NIV Perversion. If that doesn't convince you, then consider that disturbing FACT that the Satanic Bible is <u>published by the SAME parent company</u> as the NIV.

In addition, the word <u>"sodomite" has been completely REMOVED</u> from the NIV (<u>can't offend those homosexuals</u>). Less than 3% of the NIV is corrupt, but that's enough to do major damage doctrinally. The word "begotten" is missing from John 3:16 in the NIV. If you really want to get upset, compare Philippians 2:6 in the NIV with the King James Bible. Also compare 1st Timothy 3:16. By the way, I never call the King James Bible a "version," it is the Bible.

The Jehovah Witnesses false religion are always quoting from the King James Bible until you prove them wrong, then they go Greek on you or run away. The same is true of many false religions. I worked with an Islamic Muslim (another false religion) man who kept telling me that we both worshipped the same God. I kindly told him one day that I believed that Jesus Christ was Almighty God, and Allah was a mythical character not found anywhere in the Word of God. The man didn't like that very much, but he needed to hear the truth.

Do you see what he was trying to do before I straightened him out? He was trying to integrate truth with heresy. I've received several e-mails from people who claim that the "trinity" doctrine originated in ancient Babylonian false religion. In the first place, the word "trinity" may not be in the Bible, but the word "Godhead" most certainly is (Colossians 2:9). Secondly, as I've been saying, the devil integrates truth into his lies. Every false religion throughout history in some way integrates the truth into it's lies and deceptions.

If a cult or lie is to be successful, it must be based in PART upon the truth. This is why so many people are easily MISLED down a wrong path (the road to hell is paved with good intentions (Proverb 14:12). As long as their religion and tradition mean more to them than obeying God, they'll never come to the truth of salvation... "And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition" (Mark 7:9). The Pope has blessed one cult leader after another all around the world. I watched Pope John Paul II kiss the Koran. You see my friend, the devil doesn't care which false religion you join just so long as you don't obey the Word of God in the Bible...

"In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:" —2nd Thessalonians 1:8

The average person in the world today is utterly confused concerning the truth. "What is truth?" they ask, just as Pilate did when in the presence of our Saviour. Tragically, they'll seek the truth from shows like *Oprah* (one of the biggest sources of New Age witchcraft and other works of darkness). People just get so excited about NDE's (Near Death Experiences). People seek the truth from shows like *Touched By An Angel* (another source of occult New Age and works of darkness). It is tragic!

People are seeking the truth from those who do not have it, though some think they have it, but they're not sure. It's crazy!!! The Bible claims to have the answers, no ifs, ands, or buts about it! If you'll make the Word of God (the Bible) your FINAL AUTHORITY, then things will start making sense and you'll see God in your heart and mind.

Evolution is a lie. I frequently receive e-mails from people who accuse me of being ignorant of science. Science? There is NOT one shred of evidence in support of evolution that has stood up to the scrutiny of legitimate science. "Science" means "to study." If there's nothing to study, then it is not science. Evolution cannot be studied because there is nothing to study. The missing link is STILL missing.

If evolution were true, then there should be millions of remains of primitive humans... there are none. The few alleged discoveries have been proved to be hoaxes. Hundreds of claims by evolutionists from centuries past have all been proved wrong. How come there are no writings before 6,000 B.C.? If evolution developed for billions of years, then why did man only appear within the last 10,000 years? Nothing adds up in the world of evolution... nothing!

On the contrary, the Word of God makes very much sense...

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." —Hebrews 11:3

Do you want the truth? Then listen to the Word of God in the Bible...

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."
—John 17:17

The Word of God and Jesus Christ are inseparable, you cannot have One without the Other (John 1:1,14). To obey the Bible is to have faith in

God. Faith pleases God (Hebrews 11:6). Faith is what prompts us to do anything for God. It was "by faith" that Noah built the ark. I'm sure he cussed and threw plenty of hammers, but he never gave up. It was Noah's faith that prompted him to keep going for God. Oh won't you have faith in God friend?

God will not force Himself upon anyone, you must invite Him into your heart. Revelation 3:20 says that Jesus Christ is knocking at the door of your heart...

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

—Revelation 3:20

If you are not 100% sure that you are going to heaven, then please read <u>How to be Saved</u>.

So please keep in mind that Satan always intermingles his lies with the truth, to really confuse you. The world is certainly confused. Yet, the Bible teaches that for those who truly want to find the truth, they will willingly come to the light, to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The Word of God was provided to us by God to be a Lamp to light our way in this dark world...

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." —Psalm 119:105

2. People either want to come to the truth, or they don't. Please read <u>The Simple Gospel</u>.

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Jesus clearly said that some people will NOT come to Him for eternal life; Jesus did NOT say they CANNOT come to Him...

"And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life." —John 5.40

Ye Must Be Born Again!